

# The Ohio State University Airport Outreach Program



## Purpose

The airport provides tours and other educational opportunities, led by Ohio State aviation students, to thousands of students and adults, including programs that offer opportunities to underrepresented populations. The outreach program also offers shadowing opportunities for local high school students and hosts tours for school groups, scouts, and other individuals. In addition, speakers are available to visit local organizations for presentation about the airport's economic role in the community and airport history.

## Impact

Over 2,000 students annually tour the airport, and many get the opportunity to sit in a single engine plane. Ohio State students who lead these programs gain valuable leadership skills and network with professionals in the aviation industry.

High school interns shadow airport managers, take sim lessons, get introductory flight lessons, meet local industry partners, and are mentored by Ohio State aviation students. Many of these interns go on to pursue careers in aviation.

Airport speakers engage community groups and organizations through presentations about the airport's long-term plans, and also focus on the history of the Ohio State Airport.



## Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

The Center for Aviation Studies/  
Career Eagles  
College of Engineering

## Community Partners Involved

Youth Aviation Adventure  
Experimental Aircraft Association  
Metro Early College High School  
St. Charles Preparatory High School  
The Graham School  
Dublin City Schools  
Columbus City Schools  
Olentangy Local Schools  
Northwest Civic Association  
The Summer Transportation  
Institute (STI) from Central State  
University  
NetJets  
Ohio Department of Transportation  
Flight Safety  
Worthington Industries

## How you can get involved:

- Schedule an airport tour or a speaker for your class or organization.
- Contact us to explore ways that your university department can partner with the airport.
- Attend the airport Open House and Don Scott Trot: A 5K on the Runway.

## To get involved, contact:

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